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**Mail Stop Issue Fee
Group Art Unit: 2625**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Sir :

In response to the Notice of Allowance of December 23, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, applicants respectfully request amendment of the following claims in the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312** in the above-captioned application.

_____ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

_____ A Request for Extension of Time.

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X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).

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